



Memorandum

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE &
STRATEGIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE

FROM: Christopher M. Moore

SUBJECT: SJPD OPERATIONS AND
PERFORMANCE

DATE: March 3, 2011

Approved

Date

3/8/11

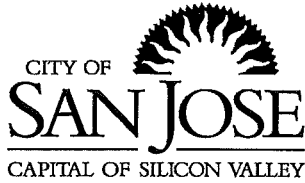
INFORMATION

Consistent with direction to bring service delivery changes to the Committee as a part of Police Department shift changes, attached are two memos that will be the focus of our Department's presentation. The Information Memos were distributed in advance to provide sufficient notice of these administrative changes due to the short timeframe between the March 17 Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support Committee and the March 20 shift change.

/s/

CHRISTOPHER M. MOORE
Chief of Police

Attachment A: Operations and Performance Changes in the Police Department
Attachment B: Suspension of Helicopter Program



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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Christopher M. Moore

SUBJECT: Suspension of Helicopter Program

DATE: February 24, 2011

Approved

Date

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INFORMATION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding operational changes within the Police Department Air Support Unit, specifically the suspension of our "Air 2" helicopter program.

The Air Support Unit's primary purpose is to support police ground patrol units through the use of the helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. The officers assigned to the helicopter routinely fly three missions a day totaling approximately six flight hours. The program works collaboratively with the Sheriff's Office to cover the full week. The helicopter responds to calls for service relating to threats to life and property, pursuits, threats to officer safety, missing persons and other calls where its capabilities can assist effectively the efforts of the ground officers. The helicopter also performs routine patrol-checks of schools, parks, recreational areas, gang hot-spots, and areas not easily accessible to ground officers. The fixed wing program is currently a collateral assignment and is deployed only on an as needed basis.

Due to the severity of the cuts needed to meet the Department's FY 11-12 budget reduction target, the helicopter program has been identified for potential elimination in July 2011. In an effort to evaluate impacts related to a complete program shutdown, the Police Department is ceasing helicopter operations effective with our next shift change, which will occur on March 20, 2011. During this three month "pilot" shutdown, the Department will work to identify the impacts and service delivery alternatives, including collateral assignment and contract pilots. During the shutdown period the City will still have limited availability of helicopter support from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department. This advanced notice provides the Department time to coordinate with the two law enforcement agencies.

Another Information Memo will be released this week regarding additional efficiencies and Department reorganizations, which will then be presented more formally at the Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support Committee on March 17, 2011. For any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Dave Cavallaro at 277-4175.

/s/

CHRISTOPHER M. MOORE
Chief of Police

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